



Medical benefit specialty medication update bulletin – January 2026

Specialty medication program updates for UnitedHealthcare Commercial, Community Plan, Medicare Advantage and Individual & Family Plans

Specialty medical injectable medications added to Review at Launch					
Medication Name	HCPCs Code(s)	UHC Commercial	UHC Community Plan	UHC Medicare Advantage	UHC Individual & Family
Eydenzelt® (afibercept-boav) <i>Biosimilar to Eylea®</i>	J3490/J3590/C9399	X			X
Itvisma® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve)	J3490/J3590/C9399	X	X		X
Opuviz™ (afibercept-yszy) <i>Biosimilar to Eylea</i>	J3490/J3590/C9399	X			X
Osvyrti® (denosumab-desu) <i>Biosimilar to Prolia®</i>	J3490/J3590/C9399	X	X		X
Qivigy® (immune globulin intravenous, human-kthm)	J3490/J3590/J1599/C9399	X			X

Note: Medications added to Review at Launch may not yet be available in the marketplace.



To view the **UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plan** Review at Launch Medication List, visit UHCprovider.com > Coverage and Payments > Policies and protocols > For Commercial Plans > Medical & Drug Policies for UnitedHealthcare Commercial Plans > *Review at Launch for New to*



Market Medications – Commercial Medical Benefit Drug Policy > [Review at Launch Medication List](#).

To view the **UnitedHealthcare Community Plan** Review at Launch Medication List, visit [UHCprovider.com](#) > Coverage and Payments > Policies and protocols > For Community Plans > Medical & Drug Policies for Community Plan > [Review at Launch for New to Market Medications – Community Plan Medical Benefit Drug Policy](#) > [Review at Launch Medication List](#).

For **UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage**, Review at Launch medications are added as Review at Launch Part B Medications in the *Medications/Drugs (Outpatient/Part B) Medical Policy*. To view the policy, visit [UHCprovider.com](#) > Coverage and Payments > Policies and protocols > For Medicare Advantage Plans > Medical Policies for Medicare Advantage Plans > *Medications/Drugs (Outpatient/Part B) Medical Policy* > Supporting Information > [Other Examples of Specific Drugs/Medications](#).

To view the **UnitedHealthcare Individual & Family Plan** Review at Launch Medication List, visit [UHCprovider.com](#) > Coverage and Payments > Policies and protocols > For Individual Exchange Plans > Medical & Drug Policies for UnitedHealthcare Individual Exchange Plans > [Review at Launch for New to Market Medications – Individual Exchange Medical Benefit Drug Policy](#) > [Review at Launch Medication List](#).

Updates to medication program requirements and drug policies – Effective April 1, 2026						
Medication Name	HCPCs Code(s)	UHC Commercial	UHC Community Plan	UHC Medicare Advantage	UHC Individual & Family	Summary of Changes
Bildyos[®] (denosumab-nxxp) <i>Biosimilar to Prolia</i>	J3490/J3590/C9399		X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add prior authorization/notification
Gazyva[®] (obinutuzumab)	J9301	X	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add prior authorization/notification
Imaavy[™] (nipocalimab-aahu)	J9256	X	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add prior authorization/notification For Commercial plans, Add to Site of Care
Papzimeos[™] (zopapogene imadenovec-drba)	J3490/J3590/C9399	X	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add prior authorization/notification
Zolgensma[®] (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)	J3399		X Hawaii only			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add prior authorization/notification



UnitedHealthcare will honor all approved prior authorizations/notifications on file until the earlier of the end date on the authorization/notification or the date the member's eligibility changes. Upon prior authorization/notification renewal, the updated policy will apply.

Note: Certain specialty medical injectable drug programs and updates will not be implemented at this time for providers practicing in Rhode Island, with respect to certain commercial members, pursuant to the Rhode Island regulation: 230-RICR-20-30-14. UnitedHealthcare encourages providers practicing in Rhode Island to call in to confirm if prior authorization/notification is required. This exception does not apply to Medicaid and Medicare.

Specialty medical injectable medications added to Medication Sourcing for Outpatient Hospital Providers Only – UnitedHealthcare Commercial – Effective April 1, 2026		
Medication Name	HCPCs Code(s)	Specialty Pharmacy
Gazyva® (obinutuzumab)	J9301	Accredo Health Group Amber Specialty Pharmacy Optum Specialty Pharmacy
Imaavy (nipocalimab-aahu)	J9256	Accredo Health Group
Papzimeos™ (zopapogene imadenovec-drba)	J3490/J3590/C9399	Biologics, Inc.
Tyruko (natalizumab-sztn) <i>Biosimilar to Tysabri®</i>	Q5134	TBD



Outpatient hospitals are required to obtain the medications listed in the [Medication Sourcing Protocol - Requirements to use a participating specialty pharmacy for certain medications document](#) from the indicated specialty pharmacies for distribution of these medications, unless otherwise authorized by us. When the specialty medication is obtained through the specialty pharmacy, the specialty pharmacy will bill us directly for these medications under the member's medical benefit. The facility administering the specialty medication is not to bill us for the medication obtained through the specialty pharmacy but may bill us for the administration of the medication to the member.

New and Updated Procedure Codes for Injectable Medications – Effective January 1, 2026

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued new procedure codes for certain injectable medications effective January 1, 2026. Correct coding rules dictate that assigned and permanent codes should be used when available. The injectable medications listed below will have new codes and may require prior authorization. These changes occur upon renewal - providers do not need to submit new prior authorization requests until the authorization has expired.

Note: Drugs with newly assigned CMS codes may not yet be available in the marketplace.



- **Imaavy** (nipocalimab-aahu) – J9256
- **Skysona**[™] (elivaldogene autotemcel) – J3387
- **Zevaskyn** (prademagene zamikeracel) – J3389

